

BILL NO. 95-60

COUNTY COUNCIL  
OF  
HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND

BILL NO. 95-60

Council President Parrott  
Introduced by at the request of the County Executive  
Legislative Day No. 95-25 Date September 5, 1995

AN ACT to add new Article XIVB, Commission on Disabilities, to Part 2, Nonbinding Advisory Boards, of Chapter 9, Boards, Commissions, Councils and Agencies, of the Harford County Code, as amended, to establish a Commission on Disabilities, to establish the membership of the Commission, to establish the duties of the Commission, to impose certain requirements on the Commission, and generally relating to the powers and duties of the Commission.

By the Council, September 5, 1995  
Introduced, read first time, ordered posted and public hearing scheduled  
on: October 3, 1995  
at: 7:15 p.m.  
By Order: [Signature], Secretary

PUBLIC HEARING

Having been posted and notice of time and place of hearing and title of Bill having been published according to the Charter, a public hearing was held on October 3, 1995, and concluded on October 3, 1995

[Signature], Secretary

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW. [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law. Underlining indicates language added to Bill by amendment. Language lined through indicates matter stricken out of Bill by amendment.

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1 Section 1. Be It Enacted By The County Council of Harford County,  
2 Maryland that new Article XIVB, Commission on Disabilities, be and  
3 it is hereby added to Part 2, Nonbinding Advisory Boards, of  
4 Chapter 9, Boards, Commissions, Councils and Agencies, of the  
5 Harford County Code, as amended and all to read as follows:

6 Chapter 9. Boards, Commissions, Councils and Agencies

7 Part 2. Nonbinding Advisory Boards

8 Article XIVB. COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES.

9 SECTION 9-93. CREATION; MEMBERSHIP.

10 A. THE COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES IS HEREBY ESTABLISHED AND  
11 SHALL CONSIST OF 15 MEMBERS. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION B(2)  
12 OF THIS SECTION, MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES SHALL BE  
13 APPOINTED BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CONFIRMED BY THE COUNTY  
14 COUNCIL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CHARTER OF HARFORD COUNTY.

15 B. THE COMMISSION MEMBERS SHALL BE:

16 (1) FIVE COUNTY CITIZENS WITH DISABILITIES;

17 (2) A MEMBER OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL, APPOINTED BY THE  
18 COUNCIL;

19 (3) TWO FAMILY MEMBERS OF INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES;

20 (4) ONE COUNTY CITIZEN WHO OWNS OR OPERATES A LOCAL  
21 BUSINESS OR WHO IS AN EMPLOYEE OF A LOCAL BUSINESS, RECOMMENDED BY  
22 THE HARFORD COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE;

23 (5) TWO COUNTY CITIZENS WITH AN INTEREST IN ASSISTING  
24 INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES;

25 (6) FOUR INDIVIDUALS REPRESENTING AGENCIES SERVING  
26 INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES.

1 SECTION 9-94. TERMS; COMPENSATION; MEETINGS.

2 A. OF THE FIFTEEN MEMBERS, SIX SHALL BE APPOINTED FOR  
3 INITIAL TERMS OF THREE YEARS, FIVE SHALL BE APPOINTED FOR INITIAL  
4 TERMS OF TWO YEARS AND FOUR SHALL BE APPOINTED FOR INITIAL TERMS OF  
5 ONE YEAR. AFTER EXPIRATION OF THE INITIAL TERMS, ALL TERMS SHALL  
6 BE FOR THREE YEAR TERMS.

7 B. AT THE END OF A TERM, A MEMBER CONTINUES TO SERVE UNTIL  
8 A SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED. VACANCIES WILL BE FILLED FOR THE  
9 UNEXPIRED TERM IN THE MANNER OF ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT.

10 C. MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION SHALL SERVE WITHOUT  
11 COMPENSATION, BUT MAY BE REIMBURSED FOR REASONABLE AND NECESSARY  
12 EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE DISCHARGE OF THEIR DUTIES.

13 D. THE COMMISSION SHALL HOLD SUCH MEETINGS AS MAY BE  
14 NECESSARY FOR THE PROPER CONDUCT OF ITS BUSINESS, BUT NO LESS THAN  
15 SIX TIMES PER YEAR.

16 SECTION 9-95. OFFICERS.

17 THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE SHALL ANNUALLY APPOINT ONE OF THE MEMBERS  
18 OF THE COMMISSION AS CHAIRPERSON, AND ONE MEMBER AS VICE-  
19 CHAIRPERSON, SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL.

20 SECTION 9-96. POWERS AND DUTIES.

21 THE COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES SHALL:

22 A. REVIEW OVERALL SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES FOR, COLLECT DATA  
23 REGARDING THE NEEDS OF AND REVIEW REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS OF  
24 EXISTING GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES PROVIDING SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS  
25 WITH DISABILITIES;  
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1           B.     REVIEW LEGISLATION, COUNTY, STATE OR FEDERAL, WHICH  
2 CONCERNS OR WOULD IMPACT INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES;

3           C.     IDENTIFY AND REVIEW SPECIFIC AND OVERALL PROGRAMS AND  
4 SERVICES FOR ALL INDIVIDUALS IN THE COUNTY WITH DISABILITIES TO  
5 FORMULATE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A DATA POOL FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
6 IDENTIFYING AREAS OF UNMET NEEDS IN SERVICES AND PROGRAMS FOR  
7 INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES;

8           D.     STUDY AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO THE MANNER IN WHICH  
9 THE USE OF FACILITIES AND SERVICES AVAILABLE TO INDIVIDUALS WITH  
10 DISABILITIES CAN BE MAXIMIZED;

11          E.     ADVISE ON AND PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN INFORMATION  
12 AND REFERRAL SERVICE FOR ALL SERVICES AND PROGRAMS FOR INDIVIDUALS  
13 WITH DISABILITIES;

14          F.     RECOMMEND FOR SUCH PROCEDURES, PROGRAMS OR LEGISLATION AS  
15 MAY BE DEEMED NECESSARY TO PROMOTE THE WELL-BEING OF INDIVIDUALS  
16 WITH DISABILITIES;

17          G.     CONDUCT OPEN MEETINGS TO PROVIDE DIRECT COMMUNICATION BY  
18 INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES WITH PRIVATE AND PUBLIC ORGANIZATIONS  
19 AND WITH THE GENERAL PUBLIC IN ORDER TO GATHER AND DISSEMINATE  
20 INFORMATION REGARDING THE STATUS OF PROGRAMS, SERVICES AND NEEDS OF  
21 INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES;

22          H.     ADVISE THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE  
23 AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, MONITOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION BY THE  
24 COUNTY AND SERVE AS AN ONGOING LIAISON BETWEEN INDIVIDUALS WITH  
25 DISABILITIES IN THE COUNTY, OR ORGANIZATIONS REPRESENTING  
26 INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT;

1 I. ANNUALLY SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND THE  
2 COUNTY COUNCIL ON ITS ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR THE PRECEDING YEAR AND  
3 GOALS FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR.

4 Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted, That this Act shall take  
5 effect 60 calendar days from the date it becomes law.

6 EFFECTIVE: December 11, 1995  
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*The Secretary of the Council does  
hereby certify that fifteen (15) copies of  
this Bill are immediately available for  
distribution to the public and the press.*

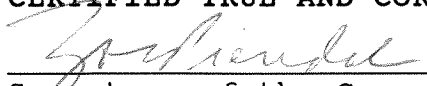
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Secretary

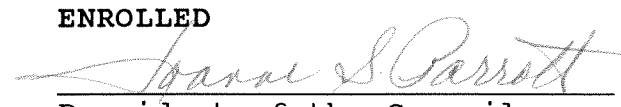
HARFORD COUNTY BILL NO. 95-60(Brief Title) Establish Commission on Disabilities

is herewith submitted to the County Council of Harford County for enrollment as being the text as finally passed.

CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT

ENROLLED

  
 Secretary of the Council

  
 President of the Council
Date 10/3/95Date 10/3/95

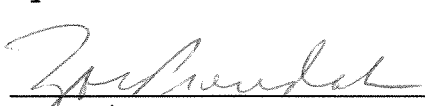
BY THE COUNCIL

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Passed: LSD 95-28 (October 3, 1995)

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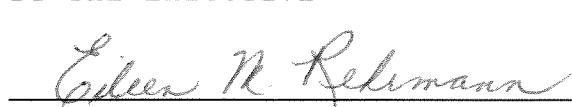
By Order

  
 Secretary

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this 5th day of October, 1995 at 3:00 p. m.

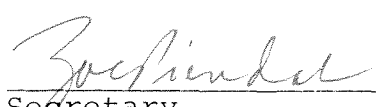
  
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BY THE EXECUTIVE

  
 COUNTY EXECUTIVE
APPROVED: Date October 11, 1995

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill (No. 95-60), having been approved by the Executive and returned to the Council, becomes law on October 11, 1995.

  
 Secretary

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 11, 1995